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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Pavlakis et al.

Application No.: 09/943,722

Filed: August 31, 2001

For: METHOD OF ELIMINATING INHIBITORY/INSTABILITY REGIONS

OF MRNA

Examiner:

Jeffrey Siew

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 1637**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 21, 2003, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.